

## LOGICAL CANDIDATE, SAYS ODELL.

Platt, He Says, Has Given the Best Years of His Life to Party Service, and Is Entitled to the Highest Honors of His Party.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.

To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:

The nomination of Mr. Platt for Governor is the logical solution of the situation. He has given the best years of his life to party service, and is entitled to the highest office in the gift of the Republican party of this State.

His election, which is certain, will demonstrate the respect in which he is held by voters generally. His nomination will arouse much enthusiasm.

BENJAMIN B. ODELL,

Chairman State Republican Executive Committee.

## PLATT FOR GOVERNOR.

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ceived deliberate and systematic co-operation from the local Tammany Hall leaders. In the Twelfth there were 634 Tammany Hall committeemen, and 1,091 Democratic names proven to be in the rolls.

"Albany County—Over 5,000 Republicans in open revolt against the State machine. "Oneida County—Six thousand loyal Republican disenfranchised by the Platt machine. These men have bolted and blazed the way for a new organization."

**Millionaire Was Pleaded.**  
"No political organization can exist by fraud. What are we going to do about this? This is the question I've asked. It was answered satisfactorily, so will Mr. Platt's election be."

"Platt at home. How Toga County was carried. Town of Waverly gave for Platt, 10; against Platt, 60; yet Platt delegates were seated. Don't you believe it? We have the affidavits." A particularly pungent paragraph on a banner was "McKinley and Hobart will carry New York State, notwithstanding the machine support."

John E. Milholland and George E. Matthews, of Buffalo, the latter president of the League, sat at the piazza and beamed upon their followers. The procession marched around the park and past Mr. Platt's cottage, after which, with a defiant cheer, it departed. To-night the McKinley League had another parade, but the banners had been suppressed. The delegation from Rochester had its hand fast on the shoulders of Mr. Platt and then play "See, the Conquering Hero Comes!" before Mr. Aldridge's door.

## HOME LIFE OF THE PLATTS.

How the Great Politician Lives, His Family and the Influence They Exert On Him.

To those who know Mr. Thomas C. Platt the statements made in yesterday's Journal that he would consult the wishes of his family before agreeing to accept the nomination for Governor were not surprised that this should be the case. The Platt family has never been divided on any question. Mr. and Mrs. Platt are always a unit as to opinion, and the wishes of the latter are always the action of the ex-Senator. It is said that in but one thing has Mr. Platt ever been the member of the family to dictate terms, and that was upon the question as to where he should reside. Mr. Platt's legal residence is in Oswego. His home, however, twelve months in the year, excepting a stay at Manhattan Beach in the summer, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

## Mr. Platt's Family.

The headquarters of the State Republican machine are on the ground floor of this political residence, and Mr. Platt's apartments are on the fourth floor. For fifteen years the family has occupied a suite of apartments at that hotel. The furniture that was there originally has from time to time been replaced as articles wore out until now everything in the rooms has become a portion of the Platt life. When Mr. Platt moved into the Fifth Avenue Hotel he had a family of growing boys. All are married now.

Frank, the eldest, is a member of the firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, and has a wife and an interesting family of his own. Harry and Edward, the younger sons, are with their father in the express business, occupying responsible positions and making names for themselves. While the family through marriage has to a certain extent, like all families undergoing this process of evolution, been more or less separated, they are in constant touch with one another, and a move which involves the welfare of one is always a subject for discussion in the family council. Though called a "house in politics," Mr. Platt is far from being a boss in his own household.

## A Man of Method.

Mr. Platt's habits for the past twenty years have made him methodical in all things. He goes downtown early each morning to the office of the express company of which he is president, and puts in a morning's hard work dictating letters, answering correspondence and giving orders in regard to the affairs of the company. Of valued assistance to Mr. Platt are his two sons. It is expected his son Harry will succeed his father in the important affairs of the company.

Early in the afternoon Mr. Platt takes a cab uptown. It is after working hours that Mr. Platt's political and home life begin. He manages to reach the hotel, as a rule, before the dinner hour, and to be in time to accept Mrs. Platt into the dining room. During the day, while at work, dozens of people have left cards and letters for him. These Mrs. Platt has taken care of, and while at dinner the couple discuss the events of the day, current news, the political situation and family affairs.

## Mrs. Platt a Politician, Too.

Mrs. Platt is herself a superior woman. She has all the tact and shrewdness of her husband. Mrs. Platt's friends frequently say that of the two she is the better politician. She understands as thoroughly as her distinguished husband does how to keep silent at the proper time, when to say anything and what to say when she has occasion to say it. Mr. Platt's career interests her greatly. His triumphs have been hers, and his disappointments have been hard for her to bear. Mrs. Platt does not smoke, and after dinner, when men usually enjoy a cigar, the ex-Senator puts in this time chatting with Mrs. Platt.

A short time ago the Senator used to put in his hours playing with a curly-headed four-year-old boy, a Polish boy, "grig," pulled his beard and sat on his knee asking "to see the wheels go round." Mrs. Platt was known about the house as "Platt's boss." She is gone now, and her loss was a harder blow to her grandfather than anything that has ever occurred in his life.

## Evening in the Lobby.

After dinner Mr. Platt comes down to the lobby of the hotel. From then on until the time he goes to bed he is surrounded by his personal and political friends. The situation in the State and nation is talked over, and the best by-the-way people catches the sentiment of the party. He learns what is happening in the different corners of the State and what is going on in the various Assembly districts of the city. While Mr. Platt does not drink, he sits down to a table where a crowd is having a social glass and smoke, and over a bottle of sparkling water enters into the spirit of the evening.

When Mr. Platt returns to his rooms it is usually an hour before bedtime. It is in this hour that he does the greatest portion of his reading. During the day Mrs. Platt has every opportunity of looking through all the papers. Papers are received from other subscribers, papers showing the political situation of the backward counties. Mrs. Platt knows thoroughly well the information her husband desires, and

anything she considers worthy of his attention is placed among his pile of papers. Going downtown and coming home in the afternoon and at various times during the day the ex-Senator gets an opportunity to read the news in the New York papers. It is at night-time he gains his knowledge of what is going on throughout the State.

## Life at the Oriental.

In the summer the couple take up their residence at the Oriental Hotel at Manhattan Beach at the opening of the season. The ex-Senator goes to work on the early train. Sometimes he goes by way of Long Island City, and at others goes by the way of Bay Ridge to enjoy the short sail on the bay, as this also lands him nearer his office than the Thirty-fourth street ferry does. In the summer Mr. Platt endeavors to put away the cares of business about 3 o'clock and pays a visit to the Fifth Avenue Hotel to see his boys at Republican State headquarters.

In the evenings while at the seashore the Platts hold a strictly informal reception at the hotel veranda. Big politicians from all over the State, men who have

on the veranda and reads her morning mail, which is usually very large. During the morning she finds time to take a dip in the ocean, and an hour later is answering her correspondence. Mrs. Platt's name does not appear to any great extent, if at all, among any of the lists of organized charities. She, however, has a list of her own of persons that she helps and whom she knows to be deserving of aid. While she puts in very busy days, she finds time to devote many hours to amateur photography. She also plays an excellent game of whist. Mrs. Platt has an orange grove on Lake Harris, Florida. This enterprise she manages wholly herself and takes great pride in the fact that she is able to do so.

## Gathering of the Olds.

Sunday, however, is the great day for the gathering of the olds at Manhattan Beach. It is then that the city politician, political ward boss and others go down to see Mr. Platt and talk over the situation in the district. Mrs. Platt does not enter much in the discussion of ward politics. Mr. Platt himself doesn't care much about them, but the boys are treated just as courteously as though they had a half a dozen Congressional districts up their sleeve.

Besides their political friends the Platts have a host of friends who are in no way interested in politics. It is while seated among a party in which politics is not the theme of discussion that both Senator and Mrs. Platt show to their best advantage. Both are exceedingly bright at repartee, stories showing the inner side of the great political boss are many. They tell of his kindness, his charity and his pranks as a boy. Mrs. Platt was Miss Ellen Barstow before her marriage. She and Mr. Platt were related by birth, and both belong to an old Massachusetts family, although both happened to be born in the State of New York.

## Regarded the Reporters.

As an indication of Mrs. Platt's knowing when to talk and when to remain silent, yesterday, when it became known that Mr. Platt was being seriously considered for the Governorship by his party, Mrs. Platt

was no longer a king pin in Missouri politics. The embattled farmers rose in their might some years ago, and drove him like a bearded tent pin into the ground. His is

## FRANCIS GIVEN SMITH'S PLACE.

Missouri's Former Governor to Be Secretary of the Interior.

He Will Take Charge of Affairs Immediately After August 29.

New Cabinet Officer a Gold Man, but a Supporter of Bryan and Sewall.

## CLEVELAND REGRETS THE CHANGE.

Wanted His Old Office to Keep His Place, and Recognized His Right to Support the Democratic Nominees.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Ex-Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, will tenant the shoes of Hoke Smith, retiring Secretary of the Interior. Thus runs the rede to-night, and it is given with great positiveness by those who ought to know.

What it means is not so certain. Francis is no longer a king pin in Missouri politics. The embattled farmers rose in their might some years ago, and drove him like a bearded tent pin into the ground. His is

has been oft in Presidential cogitations of Cabinet making, at the threshold of the Administration and before. He was well thought of for Blaine's place, but Wilson was called. Some debt of remembrance has Francis held to be now required.

It can be said, to mollify the view that Cleveland would have none near him save idolatrous supporters of his policy, that Cleveland's letters to Hoke Smith have been of the kindest, most regretful sort. He strongly urged his Secretary of the Interior to remain, and made frank recognition of the latter's entire freedom of political action, even to endorsing his course in keeping his pledged faith to support the ticket.

Secretary Smith, however, saw plainly that he could not well stay in the Cabinet, and yet take the stump in behalf of the Democratic ticket. It was plain to him also that a resignation and its forced acceptance would be extremely popular in Georgia, where he has his political habitation. So his resignation went in without cable hitched to it, and the Georgia Democracy already echoes with applause.

Governor Francis is expected in Washington this week. Secretary Smith's resignation takes effect Saturday, August 29.

## CROWD HEARS MRS. LEASE.

The Kansas Woman Expounds Silver Doctrine to Farmers at East Aurora.

East Aurora, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The silver campaign in Erie County was formally opened to-night with a meeting, at which Mrs. Mary E. Lease, of Kansas, made a speech. Every seat of the village opera house was filled, a majority present being farmers.

Mrs. Lease was introduced by Harvey W. Richardson, a pioneer in the silver movement in Western New York, and vice-pres-

## SUTHERLAND PREDICTS A BIG VOTE.

Platt's Nomination for Governor, He Says, Would Be by Acclamation and Would Arouse Intense Enthusiasm Among His Followers.

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To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:

It is impossible to predict accurately what the convention will do. If Mr. Platt decides to accept the nomination, which Republicans generally seem to think he should have, he will be nominated by acclamation.

Mr. Platt's selection will arouse intense enthusiasm. The campaign will be a brilliant one, and he will be elected by the largest majority ever given a Republican candidate in this State.

W. A. SUTHERLAND, former National Committeeman.

worst pages in our history were under this tariff.

"There never was a panic or period of enforced idleness with plenty of money in circulation."

In closing Mrs. Lease declared one might as well try to stem Niagara as to attempt to stop the silver movement.

Mrs. Lease goes to Bradford, Pa., her old home, to-morrow and will speak there Wednesday.

## GOT GOLD CATECHISMS.

Employees of a Manufacturing Concern Received Them With Their Wages.

The methods being resorted to by some manufacturing concerns favoring gold, to capture the votes of their employees for Mc-

## ARMY IN CITY HALL PARK.

Three Thousand Salvationists Meet There and Hear Commander Booth-Tucker Tell About "Slumming It."

The Salvation Army attracted a gathering of about three thousand persons last evening in front of the City Hall. Commander Booth-Tucker, assisted by his wife, Consul Booth-Tucker, lead the meeting. He told of his work in "the slums" while engaged in his "social scheme" in connection with which he has lately been sleeping in cheap bowery lodging houses. He illustrated his talk with stereoscopic views of scenes in this and other countries; witnessed while prosecuting this work.

The object of the meeting last night was to show the destitute what quarters the new "shelter" which is soon to be erected in this city, will offer them. Similar institutions in Europe have proved very successful, in some places reducing the charges for a single night's lodging to 2 cents, and it is proposed, if possible, to make the rates here from 5 to 15 cents. Major Halpin, the "social secretary," has charge of the plans. The shelter will cost about \$2,000. The site is not yet selected.

Some of the entertainment last evening was furnished by two brass bands, an Italian cornet soloist, Ghizro Pazzi, typewriter for Consul Booth-Tucker; Adjutant Taylor, the "Golden minstrel," from California, and Brigadier Brown, who has charge of the rescue and slum work. Major Wilson, private secretary of General Booth, the founder of the Army, was present at the meeting.

A novel feature of the Army work will be put into execution next Saturday. A brass band of about twenty-five or thirty musicians will start from the Army headquarters on Fourteenth street, on bicycles at 3 o'clock, and dismount along their line of march to hold meetings in Union Square, Grand Square, Battery Park and other places.

## SECOND-STORY FIRE.

Only Five Thousand Dollars Damage Done, but Much Excitement in Division Street.

The big five-story brick building at Nos. 10 and 12 Division street caught fire last night from an unexplained cause, and although it did not prove of much consequence three alarms of fire were sent out. The fire started in the second story of the structure, which is occupied by Benjamin Levy, a clock manufacturer, and spread to the other floors by means of the air shaft.

The stock of J. Shtetki, millinery; the Eagle Manufacturing Company, J. Herkowitz, clothing, and the World Clock and Suit Company, various firms occupying the building, was totally destroyed. The stock of Charles H. Klinge, who conducts a hardware store on the ground floor, was also damaged. The total loss will not exceed \$5,000.

## WHAT HARRY PLATT THINKS.

If the "Old Man" Consults Anybody It Will Be Mrs. Platt.

Harry B. Platt, who is superintendent of the United States Express Company, of which his father is the president, expressed surprise yesterday over the reports from Saratoga that the "old man," as he affectionately designated him, was likely to be nominated for Governor, even against his own protests.

"I have just returned from the country," said young Mr. Platt, "where I have been for several days and have not seen the 'old man.' I have not heard from him, and the only thing I know about this movement to nominate him for Governor is what I have read in the newspapers. I do not believe that he will be nominated, but to tell the truth I do not know anything about it farther than what I hear from the newspaper boys."

"It is said that Mr. Platt has sent messages to the members of his family, and if they do not object he may accept the nomination. Would you make any objection?"

"Now, I have not heard from him, and I do not think he will ask my advice. If he consults anybody in the family it will probably be Mrs. Platt. I do not care to make any comments regarding these reports, as I think he would regard such action as interference upon my part. My brother, Frank, is in the West, and, as I said before, the 'old man' will probably communicate with Mrs. Platt. However, I do not believe he will be the nominee."

## MAYOR SWALLOWS PLATT.

His Honor Will Accept the Ex-Senator if Nominated for Governor.

The announcement of the probable nomination of Thomas C. Platt was considered yesterday with varying emotions by Mayor Strong and his principal appointees in the reform city government. The Mayor did not seem to be particularly displeased when his opinion was asked.

"I do not care to discuss the probable nomination of Mr. Platt," he said. "I have no doubt the convention will do what is right and as a Republican I shall abide by its action."

Commissioner of Public Works Collis had read the news from Saratoga, but did not care to talk much about it.

"What do I think of Mr. Platt as a candidate for Governor? Well, I will answer that as the generals did under certain circumstances during the war. Never attempt to cross a bridge till you come to it."

Deputy Commissioner Wilds, who was in favor of Hamilton Fish for first place on the State ticket, was, however, not displeased with the Platt idea.

"I think I shall support him if he is made the nominee," said the Deputy. "I do not suppose Republicans generally will. His record at St. Louis will induce many sound money men to vote for him who would not do so under other conditions."

City Chamberlain McCook, who heard of Mr. Platt's candidacy several days ago, was not surprised and merely said: "Whoever the convention names will win. I shall have to vote the ticket."

## SHOT DOWN A WOMAN.

Highwaymen Hold Up a Stage Coach and Slay a Passenger Who Resisted.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 24.—The stage coach between Grande and Amphonia, Ind. County, was held up by four highwaymen early this morning and the four occupants ordered to stand and deliver.

Mrs. Amy Childs, of Philadelphia, refused to dismount, and was shot dead.

The robbers secured over \$800 booty from the three other passengers and escaped.



## THE SITUATION AT SARATOGA.

served in the Senate with Mr. Platt, ex-Congressman and ex-Governors, gathered about and listened while the couple talked. At such times Mrs. Platt does most of the talking. She has travelled extensively in the East and South American. She is well posted on all the news, political and otherwise, both foreign and American. She is a brilliant conversationalist and particularly well read with a retentive memory.

## Mrs. Platt's Gifts.

Mrs. Platt has almost a gift, so far as her memory of names and faces is concerned. Once introduced to a person, she never forgets the face, and seldom fails to call him or her by name. Frequently at the informal receptions upon the balcony persons speak to her that have not been seen for two or three years. She will tell Mr. Platt who they are and where they met them. Frequently people will say: "You don't remember me, Mrs. Platt?" She will laughingly reply: "Oh, yes I do. You are Judge So-and-so."

While Mrs. Platt loves politics she loves her husband too dearly to wish him to go through the strain of a hard campaign. She is politician enough to recognize the fact that all former enemies of her husband would take the opportunity to get even. When she has no doubt that he would be elected, she knows that the strain would affect him seriously.

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What, then, presages it all? Why are such good men and true to gold and Cleveland as Vilas, Dickinson, Turner, Patterson, Bryan and others to be passed by for this yellow haired Saxon of Missouri? There he

not the type to remain long popular with an agricultural community. He makes money too easily, holds it with too firm a commercial grasp, is too good-looking and his clothes have too fine a fit and finish.

Francis is, moreover, naturally and by advantage for gold. Despite which and with an eye on some distant future Senatorship he has announced himself as for Bryan and Sewall, coupled with the prediction that they would sweep Missouri. This he has not concealed, and his confirmation has been repeated by Cockrell, Stone, Vest and other tribune silver leaders in the Missouri corn belt. It is not to be supposed, however, that Francis's adhesion to the true Democracy was coupled with a violent purpose to throw off his coat and plunge into the campaign as though it were a personal fight. On the other hand Francis is credited with enough political stamina to make good his word and support the ticket.

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ident of the East Aurora National Bank. Among those on the platform were Charles B. Matthews, chairman of the New York delegation at the St. Louis Populist Convention, and Benjamin Rush Davenport, of Buffalo, author of the "Cross of Gold" Bryan pamphlet.

Mrs. Lease was warmly received and, though she talked for over two hours, not a man left the hall until she finished.

Some of her statements were:

"The Rothschilds sent agents to the Republican Convention to open it with prayer and draw up the platform."

"Every man, woman and child of the intelligence of a clam ought to be able to understand the financial issue. We want a gold dollar that will stay at home and help the American people and with gold's help after November we're going to have it."

Kinley, were shown last night on the occasion of the organization of the Eighteenth Assembly District Bryan and Sewall Club. James de Mandeville, secretary of Bryan and Sewall Club No. 1, said he had just received from indignant workmen several very envelops covered with gold envelopes. The envelopes had contained their week's wages.

Mr. de Mandeville produced several of these envelopes, which had been given out by H. Henry Rotchell, the Leonard street skirt and waist maker. About 1,000 people were employed by Mr. Rotchell.

Mr. de Mandeville renounced in strong language these efforts to "educate" the workmen. He said it looked much like an attempt at intimidation.

The Eighteenth Assembly District Club was organized with the following officers: President, Neumann; president, John Gasser; corresponding secretary, Solomon Jacoby; financial secretary, and Erich Kooser, treasurer.

## For the Tammany Primaries.

Chairman James J. Martin, of the Tammany Executive Committee, sent a call yesterday for a meeting of the committee to be held Thursday afternoon at the Fourteenth street headquarters to issue a call for the holding of primaries to select delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Buffalo next month. The New York will send a solid delegation to vote for an unqualified endorsement of Bryan and Sewall.